

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5 as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring. Also, please add new claims 6-12 as shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A light-illuminating device comprising:
a casing;
a transparent light guide accommodated in the casing; and
light sources provided on both ends, in the longitudinal direction~~[[,]]~~ of the casing,
in which light from the light sources~~is~~ is introduced into the light guide, the light is reflected within the light guide and introduced in the longitudinal direction, and is allowed to be emitted from a light-emitting surface of the light guide along the longitudinal direction, and
wherein the light sources~~are~~ are ~~[[is]]~~ attached to the casing, and the casing is divided into portions in the longitudinal direction.
2. (Currently amended) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the divided portions of the casing are slidably engaged with each other.
3. (Currently amended) A light-illuminating device comprising:
an assembly of a casing~~[[;]]~~ and
a transparent light guide accommodated in the casing; and
light sources provided on both ends, in the longitudinal direction~~[[,]]~~ of the assembly,

in which light from the light sources is introduced into the light guide, the light is reflected within the light guide and introduced in the longitudinal direction, and is allowed to be emitted from a light-emitting surface of the light guide along the longitudinal direction, and

wherein at least one of the light sources is pressed against ~~[[the]]~~ an end surface of the light guide with an elastic member which is formed integrally with the casing.

4. (Currently amended) A light-illuminating device comprising:

an assembly of a casing~~[[;]]~~ and

a transparent light guide accommodated in the casing; and

light sources provided on both ends, in the longitudinal direction~~[[,]]~~ of the assembly,

in which light from the light sources is introduced into the light guide, the light is reflected within the light guide and introduced in the longitudinal direction, and is allowed to be emitted from a light-emitting surface of the light guide along the longitudinal direction, and

wherein at least one of the light sources is attached directly to ~~[[the]]~~ an end surface of the light guide.

5. (Currently amended) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to ~~any one of~~ claim~~[[s]]~~ 1~~[[4]]~~;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

6. (New) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to claim 2;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

7. (New) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;

the line-illuminating device according to claim 3;

a line image sensor; and

a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

8. (New) An image scanning device comprising:

a frame;
the line-illuminating device according to claim 4;
a line image sensor; and
a rod lens array for focusing reflected or transmitted light from a document on the line image sensor,

in which the line-illuminating device, the line image sensor, and the rod lens array are incorporated in the frame.

9. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the light sources abut against end surfaces of said light guide without gaps.

10. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 1, wherein the casing and the light guide are formed of different materials, and the material of which the light guide is formed shrinks more with repeated thermal expansion and contraction than does the material of which the casing is formed.

11. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 3, wherein the casing and the light guide are formed of different materials, and the material of which the light guide is formed shrinks more with repeated thermal expansion and contraction than does the material of which the casing is formed.

12. (New) The line-illuminating device according to claim 4, wherein the casing and the light

guide are formed of different materials, and the material of which the light guide is formed shrinks more with repeated thermal expansion and contraction than does the material of which the casing is formed .